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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ROMEO P. NACAR,

Plaintiff

v.

JOSE C. AYUYU; MARCIA
AYUYU; M&N COMPANY,
doing business as Ruris Apartments
and Susupe Garden Apartments;
and, McDONALD'S RESTAU-
RANTS OF SAIPAN, INC., a
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands Corporation,

Defendants

Civil Action No. 05-0005

NOTICE OF ORDER
DENYING DEFENDANTS'
MOTION TO DISMISS
and
STRIKING DOE DEFENDANTS'
FROM CAPTION OF
OPPOSITION TO MOTION

1 THIS MATTER came before the court on Thursday, April 28, 2005, for
2 hearing of defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint for failure to state a
3 claim against all named defendants. Plaintiff appeared by and through his
4 attorney, Mark B. Hanson; defendants appeared by and through their attorney,
5 F. Matthew Smith.
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8 The court announced its tentative ruling to deny the motion. At the
9 conclusion of the hearing it adopted its tentative ruling, for the following
10 reasons.
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12 Plaintiff's verified complaint contains five claims for relief. The first claim
13 invokes the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. §
14 201 *et seq.*, and the remaining four "state law" claims are brought under the
15 supplemental jurisdiction provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
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18 Defendants argue that plaintiff's complaint fails to make out a claim for
19 relief under the FLSA and that it must be dismissed for lack of subject matter
20 jurisdiction. Dismissal for lack of subject matter jurisdiction is appropriate if the
21 court concludes this civil action does not arise under the Constitution, laws, or
22 treaties of the United States. 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
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1 A motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be
2 granted will succeed only if from the complaint it appears beyond doubt that
3 plaintiffs can prove no set of facts in support of their claim that would entitle
4 them to relief. Morley v. Walker, 175 F.3d 756, 759 (9th Cir. 1999). All
5 allegations of material fact are taken as true and construed in the light most
6 favorable to the non-moving party. Miranda v. Clark Co., Nevada, 319 F.3d
7 465, 468 (9th Cir.) (*en banc*), *cert. denied*, 124 S.Ct. 64 (2003).
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11 At this stage in the proceedings and on this undeveloped record, and
12 taking as true the allegations of the complaint and viewing them in the light
13 most favorable to plaintiff, the court cannot say that there is *no* set of facts
14 which would support plaintiff's FLSA claim. It is simply too early in the lawsuit
15 to make such a determination. Federal question jurisdiction has been properly
16 invoked by the allegations of the complaint.
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20 Title 28, U.S.C. § 1367 provides in relevant part that in any civil action in
21 which the court has original jurisdiction, it also has supplemental jurisdiction
22 over all other claims that are so related to claims in the original-jurisdiction
23 action that they form part of the same case or controversy. As pleaded, the
24 supplemental Commonwealth law-based claims are incontrovertibly related to
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1 the FLSA claim and form part of the same case or controversy. None of the
2 reasons for the court to decline the exercise of supplemental jurisdiction are
3 present. See 28 U.S.C. § 1367(c) (1) - (4). The general motion to dismiss the
4 supplemental Commonwealth claims is denied.
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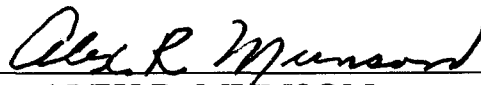
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7 FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, defendants' motion to dismiss the
8 complaint is denied on all grounds.
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10 Defendants shall file and serve their answer within ten days after notice of
11 this order. Fed.R.Civ.P. 12(a)(4)(A).
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13 At the conclusion of the hearing, plaintiff orally moved to remove the
14 mention of "Doe" defendants in his April 14, 2005, opposition to the motion to
15 dismiss. Defendants posed no objection and the court struck the reference.
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17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 DATED this 28th day of April, 2005.
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23 ALEX R. MUNSON
24 Judge
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